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In the Drawings

Applicant has herewith submitted Replacement Sheet of drawings for Figure 4, which is merely a renumbering of original Figure 5. The original sheets of drawings for Figures 4, 6 and 7 are withdrawn. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Response

Applicant has amended the specification and claims to more particularly describe and claim applicant's invention. Applicant has also submitted Replacement Sheet of drawings for Figure 4, which is merely a renumbering of original Figure 5. The original sheets of drawings for Figures 4, 6 and 7 have been withdrawn. No new matter is added by this amendment. Applicant submits that these claims as amended are in condition for allowance.

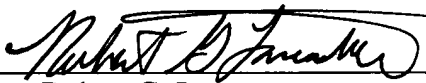
Applicant respectfully responds to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004, in the following manner. In the June 15, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that he believed that the application, as filed, constituted four distinct species of inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121 and required that applicant elect one of said identified inventions.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute the invention of Species I (Claims 1-5, 44-48, and 54-58 as currently amended), without prejudice to prosecuting the remaining claims in an appropriate divisional application. Applicant believes the remaining claims correspond to Species III as identified by the Examiner in the June 15,

2004 Office Action. However, Applicant respectfully submits that restriction is not appropriate here because unelected and elected claims as amended herein are so highly related that search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. *See* MPEP section 803.

The examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned via telephone to resolve any outstanding issues.

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